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SUBJECT: NATO NAVAL SURVEILLANCE: PRESS POLICY

1. MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE TO ALLIES THE FORMULATION OF A  
STANDARD PRESS POLICY FOR ANNOUNCEMENT, AFTER THE FACT,  
OF SURVEILLANCE OF WARSAW PACT NAVAL FORCES BY STANDING  
NAVAL FORCE ATLANTIC (STANAVFORLANT) AND NAVAL ON-CALL  
FORCE MEDITERRANEAN (NAVOCFORMED). THIS POLICY WOULD  
COMPLEMENT EXISTING PRESS POLICIES WHICH COVER (A)  
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REGULAR OPERATIONS OF THESE TWO NATO TASK FORCES -- WHICH  
WE REGULARLY ANNOUNCE, AND (B) THEIR POSSIBLE INTERCEPTION  
AND SHADOWING OF WARSAW PACT NAVAL UNITS -- WHICH WE  
ANNOUNCE ONLY ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS. FORMULATION OF THIS  
COMPLEMENTARY POLICY WOULD AVOID DIFFICULTIES SOMETIMES  
ENCOUNTERED IN THE PAST WHEN WE HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR  
POLITICAL APPROVAL OF PRESS GUIDANCE ON EXTREMELY SHORT

NOTICE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF SUCH SURVEILLANCE.

2. IN GENERAL, WE CONTINUE TO FAVOR AFTER-THE-FACT  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR SURVEILLANCE OF WARSAW PACT  
NAVAL ACTIVITIES. WE SUGGEST THAT PROPOSED PRESS POLICY  
INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES FOR LIKELY CONTINGENCIES.

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